

Message

From: Koerner, Jeff [Jeff.Koerner@dep.state.fl.us]
Sent: 2/2/2021 9:23:54 PM
To: Lusky, Katy [Lusky.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Bloeth, Mark [Bloeth.Mark@epa.gov]; Read, Hastings [Hastings.Read@FloridaDEP.gov]
Subject: RE: Incinerator Use at the Okaloosa County SO Florida

Katy,

Hastings and I would like to discuss this briefly. If you could set up a meeting for tomorrow, that would be great. We're both free from 1:00 to 4:00.

Thanks!

Jeff

From: Lusky, Katy <Lusky.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Koerner, Jeff <Jeff.Koerner@dep.state.fl.us>
Cc: Bloeth, Mark <Bloeth.Mark@epa.gov>; Davis, Amber <Davis.Amber@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Incinerator Use at the Okaloosa County SO Florida

Hey Jeff,

I heard from Ken that you may have been chatting with a police officer discussing drug incineration. By the time Ken told me, Mark had already made contact with the person who contacted Ken. See below what we told him. Is this the same person you were talking about with Ken? When I am off my meetings today, I would be glad to call this afternoon or set up a quick meeting tomorrow between me, you and Mark (who knows way more about the exemptions and incinerator rules than I do!) Just let me know if you want to chat.

Thanks,
Katy

From: Bloeth, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:57 PM
To: William M. Griffith <wgriffith@sheriff-okaloosa.org>
Subject: RE: Incinerator Use at the Okaloosa County SO Florida

Hi Lt. Griffith,

Yes sir ... the situation you describe would involve the destruction of contraband or prohibited goods which falls under an exemption under the Other Solid Waste Incineration (OSWI) Rule at 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart EEEE at 60.2887(p). So as an owner and/or operator of the incineration unit for that purpose you would be exempt from the OSWI rule. I'm glad that you are contacting FLDEP about this since they may have additional state permitting or other air requirements for this type of unit. Also, you should definitely speak to them about the other types of solid wastes you may intend on destroying because at least from a federal perspective these additional wastes (if not defined as "contraband" or "prohibited goods") would not fall under this OSWI exemption and would have to be disposed of in another manner.

Attached is the Final OSWI rule and below are also some weblinks relating to EPA's stance on pharmaceutical disposal with respect to hazardous waste rules:

- https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/signedwheeler_barnes_pharmaceuticaltakebacks.pdf
- <https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/collecting-and-disposing-unwanted-medicines>

I hope this information proves useful. Let me know if you have any additional questions after looking over this information and your call with FLDEP.

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From: William M. Griffith <wgriffith@sheriff-okaloosa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:59 AM
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Subject: Incinerator Use at the Okaloosa County SO Florida

Mark,

Thank you for the return call. I am the Evidence Manager for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) and we are looking into the possibility of purchasing/using an incinerator to destroy our seized drugs and other evidence collected by the OCSO. With the closing of the EnGen Facility in Panama City, Florida, law enforcement agencies in our area are looking for a place to destroy our evidence. The OCSO is exploring the purchasing of an incinerator somewhere between an ELASTIC Drug Terminator and a Matthews Environmental Solutions SF-100 Fixed Hearth Incinerator for use by our agency. The incinerator will be used to destroy our seized controlled substances, paraphernalia and other property collected by the OCSO. This other property could consist of clothing, documents, and other solid waste. I am looking to see what federal regulations we would have to follow and if any federal permits would be needed for our incinerator. I have reached out to the Florida DEP and I am scheduled to talk with their representative this afternoon. Thank you for any assistance in this matter that you can provide. I can be reached at the below listed email or telephone number.

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